

# **Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)**

## **Meeting minutes June 9, 2008**

(Approved by WWMC on 23 June, 2008)

**Meeting time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Tiverton Community Center

**Members present:** John Christo, Don Wilbur, Ray Joubert, Leroy Kendricks, Chris Nearpass, Colleen Stanton, & Stephen York.

**Also in attendance:** John Lincourt, (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent  
Stephen Berlucchi: Public Works Director  
Residents- Mr. James Clancy, Mr. Lester Schwartz

1. The minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission were amended and unanimously approved on a motion by Chris Nearpass and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen York.

### **2. On-Site Issues –**

#### **a. Onsite Wastewater Management, Implementation of:**

(1). John Lincourt presented two letters he received from one Tiverton resident who is stating that the present Town's requirement that any property in Tiverton that currently has a functioning cesspool, to replace that cesspool by the current owner or by the buyer of that home within one year of the sale of the home. He is requesting exemption from this ordinance or financial help from the Town. The WWMC requested John Lincourt to draft a response to these letters and present the letter to the WWMC for review.

(2). Stafford Pond Watershed - John Lincourt reported that inspections are still on going and that he will provide the WWMC a detailed report at the next meeting.

(3) Nanaquaket Pond Watershed – No action taken due to higher priority tasks.

**b. RI Bill H 8326 (ISDS)** – John Lincourt provided copies to the WWMC members of a proposed bill which would amend certain conditions necessary for obtaining a designers license under this chapter relative to individual disposal systems. This item was presented to inform the WWMC and no action needed by the WWMS or WWMC.

**c. WWS report on inspection** – John Lincourt notified the WWMC that he has received various complains concerning failed septic systems. John has visited the sites and in some cases reported the situation to DEM.

### **3. Sewer Projects.**

- a. Update status of Bourne Mill – No update. John Lincourt will provide update at next meeting.
- b. Installation of sewer lines in West Canonicus Street is completed. Patch paving is being scheduled. Grandview Construction Co submitted an application for payment for \$ 74,078.27, which John Lincourt approved.
- c. Betterment assessments – Tabled, to be addressed at next meeting.

**4. Long Range Planning:** -Funding for sewer line installations will be addressed with the Town Administrator.

**5. Financial Report-** Funding for the On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems program was approved at the financial town meeting. Budget for upcoming FY will be reported at the next WWMC meeting. Also, the Expenditure report for this FY will be addressed.

**6. Public Education-** Colleen Stanton reported that she has made contact with a Mr. Brett Knight (Civil Engr from Northeast Engineers & Consultants, Inc). Mr. Knight is willing to speak at one of our proposed workshops at no cost.

**7. Documentation and procedures-** John Lincourt submitted a report of the survey that he and Ray Joubert made of Audet, Carpenter, Blaisdell and Cliff streets. This report identifies the homes that are connected to the sewer line. Per existing documentation with the City of Fall River, these lines shall be maintained by the Town of Tiverton.

**8. General Administration-** Chris Nearpass discussed the Fall River sewer charges that were noted in a recent news article. No action by the WWMC is needed.

**9. Item added to agenda –** Mr. Clancy and Mr. Schwartz representing the "View of Hope Association" addressed the WWMC concerning sewer connections on Summerfield Lane to the sewer line. They wish to connect to the sewer line and will attempt to acquire State loan funding for this project. Guidance to acquire this loan was given to them. No vote was needed by the WWMC on this topic.

**10.** A motion to adjourn (7:20 PM) was made by Chris Nearpass, second by Steve York. Passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting date is June 23, 2008, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by: John S. Christo, Secretary